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Nesting Bird Temporary Closures May 1 – August 31, 2015

BARTLETT COVE, ALASKA – This notice is to inform visitors of temporary closures to foot traffic and minimum approach distance of 100 yards at four islands in Glacier Bay. The purpose of these closures is to protect high concentrations of nesting seabirds by minimizing human caused disturbance and mortalities of chicks.

The following specific locations will be closed to human use within 100 yards of the islands from May 1 – August 31, 2015 (see attached maps):

- The unnamed island in Scidmore Bay near the mouth of Charpentier Inlet at latitude 58° 45.427549' longitude -136° 31.881105'.
- The unnamed island approximately ¼ nautical mile south of Tlingit Point at latitude 58° 45.019643', longitude -136° 10.580022'.
- Sealers Island in Muir Inlet at latitude 58° 57.57187', longitude -136° 7.435166'.
- The southern portion of Leland Island and the island approximately ¼ nautical mile south of Leland Island at latitude 58° 38.605275', longitude -135° 59.066667'. Note that the northern portion of Leland Island is closed year round by NPS Code of Federal Regulations 36 13.1178 (a).

Visitors are reminded that disturbance to wildlife is prohibitted under NPS Code of Federal Regulations 36 2.2(a)(2), and boaters should not approach wildlife at distances that cause the animals to change their behavior. Visitors to Glacier Bay National Park & Preserve can contact the Visitor Information Station (907-697-2627) for the most current information regarding closures and other regulations in Glacier Bay.

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